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- **November building permits plummet 43.4%**
- **New motor vehicle sales up 1.0% in November**
- **BC Exports drop 1.6% in November**

The Economy

- **The value of BC exports slipped 1.6% (*seasonally adjusted*) in November of last year, following two consecutive month-over-month increases.** Exports to the US climbed slightly (+0.7%) for the second straight month. The increase in US-bound exports was fuelled in part by a substantial upturn in shipments of energy (+6.5%), but exports of machinery equipment & automotive (+2.6%) products were also up. A decline in shipments to other countries (-3.4%) pulled overall exports down, with notable losses in two of the five major commodity groups.

  Canadian exports (+0.8%) inched up in November as increases among several principal commodity groups, most notably industrial goods & materials (+6.6%), acted to offset downturns in others. Shipments to the US (+0.6%) and the European Union (+13.3%) showed promise, while exports to Japan (-5.9%) abated. *Data Source: Statistics Canada & BC Stats*

- **The value of building permits issued by BC municipalities dropped sharply (-43.4%, *seasonally adjusted*) in November, following a 7.2% boost in October.** Residential permits tumbled (-51.0%), eroding all of the previous month's (+4.9%) gain. The value of non-residential permits also fell (-27.1%), halting two consecutive months of increases. Kelowna (-23.7%) and Vancouver (-60.4%) saw double-digit declines while, in contrast, hefty increases were seen in Victoria (+88.9%) and Abbotsford-Mission (+76.2%).

  Nationally, permits slumped 11.2%, as seven provinces recorded declines. Non-residential permits were off 16.1% and the value of residential projects (-7.2%) was also down. Quebec (+20.5%), PEI (+18.1%) and New Brunswick (+1.0%) saw permits rise, while decreases in the rest of the country ranged from 5.8% in Alberta to 49.3% in Newfoundland & Labrador. *Data Source: Statistics Canada*

- **Compared to the same month last year, the year-to-date value of building permits issued by BC municipalities climbed 33.9% (*unadjusted*) in November, with activity escalating in all but one region.** Nechako (+87.7%) posted the most substantial increase, but overall permits were mostly bolstered by intentions in Mainland/Southwest (+53.9%) and Vancouver Island/Coast (+13.5%). On the flip side, permits inched down in Thompson/Okanagan (-3.1%), due to a decrease in planned spending on institutional & government buildings.

  Data Source: Statistics Canada & BC Stats

- **The number of housing starts in the province ended the year with a surge (+43.2% *seasonally adjusted*) in December, bucking the national trend.** Canadian starts were down 13.5%, as new building activity receded in five provinces. Along with BC, Quebec (+8.2%), Manitoba (+18.2%) and parts of Atlantic Canada escaped the general malaise. However, starts plummeted in Ontario (-44.8%) and were also off in Alberta (-4.5%) and Saskatchewan (-18.0%). Nationally, the decline was attributed to winter weather conditions, together with volatility in markets for both single and multiple-family units. In BC, starts of single-detached housing in ur-

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ban areas of the province were flat (+0.0%), but builders of multiple-family units ramped up construction (+75.4%). *Data Source: CMHC*

- **Relative to the same month of 2009, the cost of new housing in BC's largest city continued to climb in November.** Home builders in Vancouver received 1.4% more for their projects, while Victoria's housing price index decreased (-1.1%). Falling land value (-1.8%) in the capital city paired up with a moderate decline in housing prices (-0.7%) to pull overall value down. Conversely, a 3.4% increase in the cost of houses in Vancouver managed to offset a 1.2% decline in that of land.

  Nationally, the new housing price index rose 2.3% during the twelve-month period ending in December. *Data Source: Statistics Canada*

- **Sales of new motor vehicles in BC (including the territories) accelerated 1.0% (*seasonally adjusted*) in November.** Across the country, slightly more (+0.3%) new vehicles were driven off the nation's car lots in November, with sales advancing in seven provinces. Manitoba (+4.6%) and New Brunswick (+4.0%) registered the most significant increases in sales, but much of this was offset by a 1.1% slowdown in Quebec.

  Data Source: Statistics Canada

Tourism

- **Tourism spending in Canada was up 1.5% (*2002 dollars, adjusted for price changes*) in the third quarter of last year, marking the fifth consecutive quarterly increase.** The advance was driven mostly by domestic tourism demand (+1.6%), but tourism spending by non-residents also climbed notably (+1.3%). Tourism spending has fully recovered from the year-long downturn that began in the third quarter of 2008.

  Data Source: Statistics Canada

Veterans and Civilian Life

- **In 2010, two-thirds (62%) of surveyed Canadian Forces (CF) Regular Force Veterans who released from service during 1998-2007 reported an easy adjustment to civilian life.** Overall, most (89%) CF Regular Force Vets worked after release and the unemployment rate for Veterans (8%) was the same as that of the general population. At the same time, rates of low income among Veterans were half that of the Canadian general population. However, of those surveyed, Veterans had worse health, disability and determinants of health status than the general Canadian population, much of which was attributed to their military service.

  Data Source: Veterans Affairs Canada

The Nation

- **Canadian manufacturers' prices were 2.1% higher in November 2010 than in the same month of 2009, marking the eighth straight year-over-year increase.** Primary metal products continued to have a strong influence on the 12-month change, jumping 11.5% from November of 2009. Climbing petroleum & coal prices (+7.0%) also contributed significantly to the overall increase in manufacturers' prices, such that had these products been excluded, prices would have climbed at a slower pace (+1.6%). Increases were tempered by falling prices for some other major commodity groups, most notably motor vehicles & other transportation equipment (-2.3%).

  Prices for raw materials jumped 6.8% in November compared to the same month of 2009, driven mainly by rising prices for non-ferrous metals and mineral fuels.

  BC softwood lumber prices continued to climb (+3.0%) as producers of Interior (3.9%) and Coastal (+0.7%) lumber received more for their products than in November 2009.

  The appreciation of the Canadian dollar mitigated the increase in overall producer prices. Excluding the impact of the exchange rate, producer prices would have risen 3.2% instead of 2.1%. *Data Source: Statistics Canada*

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2010 Sub-Provincial Population Estimates

Provincial Estimates

Between July 1st 2009 and June 30th 2010 British Columbia's population grew to exceed the 4.5 million mark (+1.6%), representing an increase in the population of 70,668 persons.

Sub-Provincial Estimates

Understanding population change at the sub-provincial – *i.e.*, regional and municipal – level is vital to provincial and local government planning processes. BC Stats produces sub-provincial population estimates using the Generalized Estimation System (GES). The system uses symptomatic indicators - *e.g.*, residential electrical connections and health registration information – to estimate change in population.

Regional District

Most of the 29 regional districts in BC showed positive growth between 2009 and 2010. Of those that grew, Northern Rockies came out at the top with the highest growth rate (+3.4%) over this period. However, this rebound in the population level is still roughly 1% below the region's 2006 population. Squamish-Lillooet also showed strong growth (+2.8%) in 2010, with an overall expansion of 10.2% since 2006. As most immigrant landings in BC typically migrate to the economic hub of Greater Vancouver Regional District (GVRD), it is not surprising that this region saw the largest share of population change in 2010—an overall increase of 53,858.

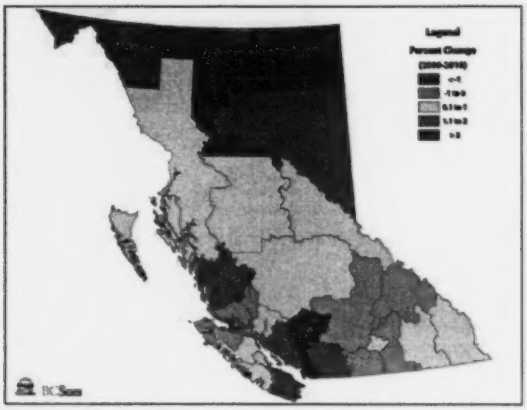
Regional District Population Change: 2009 to 2010

Regional District	2010	Change	% Change
Greater Vancouver	2,374,628	53,858	2.3
Fraser Valley	284,995	4,418	1.6
Capital	372,339	4,287	1.2
Nanaimo	149,686	1,632	1.1
Squamish-Lillooet	40,356	1,097	2.8
Cowichan Valley	82,871	1,075	1.3
Peace River	63,368	1,075	1.7
Fraser-Fort George	96,575	799	0.8
Central Okanagan	185,443	766	0.4
Central Kootenay	60,378	544	0.9
Comox Valley	64,642	473	0.7
Sunshine Coast	29,984	395	1.3
Cariboo	65,471	341	0.5
Bulkley-Nechako	39,183	274	0.7
East Kootenay	60,267	222	0.4
Powell River	20,455	221	1.1
Northern Rockies[1]	6,209	206	3.4
Kitimat-Stikine	39,642	164	0.4
Strathcona	44,386	138	0.3
Alberni-Clayoquot	31,635	53	0.2
Central Coast	3,174	52	1.7
Skeena-Queen Charlotte	19,497	34	0.2
Mount Waddington	12,057	-1	0.0
Stikine	614	-30	-4.7
Columbia-Shuswap	53,680	-104	-0.2
North Okanagan	83,139	-125	-0.2
Thompson-Nicola	131,641	-208	-0.2
Kootenay-Boundary	31,885	-268	-0.8
Okanagan-Similkameen	82,760	-720	-0.9

The hardest hit regions were mainly localized to southern BC, isolated to the areas within Thompson/Okanagan. Okanagan-Similkameen and Kootenay-Boundary shared the largest person-loss, each dropping almost 1%.

[1] The Northern Rockies RD is comprised of the newly incorporated Northern Rockies Regional Municipality along with a small unincorporated population.

Regional District Population Change



Municipal

BC Stats produces population estimates for 189 municipalities and aggregate unincorporated areas in BC. The 161 incorporated municipal areas in 2010 carried almost 90% of the provincial population (4,008,989, +1.6% from 2009), while the remainder (521,971, +1.2% from 2009) resided in unincorporated areas of the province.

The large majority of municipalities monitored by GES showed positive growth—104 in total. Population totals in six municipalities remained unchanged, while 51 experienced a drop in population. Even though Princeton topped the rank in terms of growth (+8.4% in 2010 with 233 more persons), Surrey welcomed the largest number of people (over 15,000) in 2010, expanding its population by 3.4%. Langford, another large municipality in BC (ranked 28th in terms of those collected under GES), moved along strongly with total population growth of 24% since 2006.

Compared to all other municipalities, most people (642,843) reside in the City of Vancouver. However, this municipality saw only 14,189 new residents in 2010—second to Surrey.

Top Ten Growth Municipalities: 2009 to 2010

Municipality	2010	Change	% Change
Surrey	462,345	15,196	3.4
Vancouver	642,843	14,189	2.3
Burnaby	227,389	4,296	1.9
Richmond	196,858	3,353	1.7
Coquitlam	126,594	3,220	2.6
Abbotsford	138,179	2,136	1.6
Langford	29,158	1,794	6.6
New Westminster	66,892	1,791	2.8
North Vancouver City	50,725	1,781	3.6
Chilliwack	77,975	1,769	2.3
North Vancouver District	88,370	1,531	1.8
Langley, Township of	104,697	1,295	1.3
Maple Ridge	76,418	1,269	1.7

The District Municipality of Summerland saw the departure of 251 persons, the largest absolute decline in the province in 2010.

Bottom Ten Growth Municipalities: 2009 to 2010

Municipality	2010	Change	% Change
Summerland	11,007	-251	-2.2
Oliver	4,551	-238	-5.0
Penticton	33,078	-215	-0.6
Merritt	7,285	-175	-2.3
Grand Forks	3,998	-158	-3.8
Nelson	9,794	-157	-1.6
Mackenzie	3,706	-126	-3.3
Vernon	38,895	-124	-0.3
Trail	7,242	-121	-1.6
Salmon Arm	17,128	-115	-0.7
Coldstream	10,289	-113	-1.1
West Kelowna	27,195	-108	-0.4
Williams Lake	11,002	-102	-0.9

Population estimates information is available on the BC Stats web site at the following link: http://www.bcstats.gov.bc.ca.

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SGC	Name	Area Type	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2009-2010 % Change
23000	**Alberni-Clayoquot**	**RD**	**31,078**	**31,141**	**31,438**	**31,582**	**31,635**	**0.2**
23008	Port Alberni	C[1]	17,615	17,624	17,680	17,764	17,752	-0.1
23025	Tofino	DM	1,750	1,773	1,813	1,831	1,895	3.5
23019	Ucluelet	DM	1,522	1,545	1,577	1,593	1,605	0.8
23000	Unincorporated Areas	RDR	10,191	10,199	10,368	10,394	10,383	-0.1
51000	**Bulkley-Nechako**	**RD**	**38,866**	**38,474**	**38,787**	**38,909**	**39,183**	**0.7**
51022	Burns Lake	VL	2,154	2,164	2,149	2,117	2,142	1.2
51013	Fort St. James	DM	1,362	1,362	1,343	1,323	1,295	-2.1
51009	Fraser Lake	VL	1,129	1,135	1,119	1,123	1,161	3.4
51032	Granisle	VL	365	377	390	396	396	0.0
51034	Houston	DM	3,197	3,062	3,007	2,962	3,008	1.6
51043	Smithers	T	5,292	5,207	5,288	5,328	5,408	1.5
51038	Telkwa	VL	1,333	1,332	1,359	1,359	1,403	3.2
51007	Vanderhoof	DM	4,172	4,144	4,123	4,148	4,049	-2.4
51000	Unincorporated Areas	RDR	19,862	19,691	20,009	20,153	20,321	0.8
17000	**Capital**	**RD**	**355,872**	**359,304**	**364,091**	**368,052**	**372,339**	**1.2**
17015	Central Saanich	DM	16,006	16,024	16,170	16,191	16,201	0.1
17041	Colwood	C	15,260	15,582	15,947	16,196	16,579	2.4
17040	Esquimalt	DM	17,513	17,528	17,660	17,705	17,689	-0.1
17049	Highlands	DM	2,010	2,036	2,115	2,178	2,257	3.6
17044	Langford	C	23,513	24,766	26,121	27,364	29,158	6.6
17042	Metchosin	DM	4,969	5,061	5,108	5,140	5,308	3.3
17005	North Saanich	DM	10,923	10,875	11,044	11,035	11,112	0.7
17030	Oak Bay	DM	18,040	17,971	18,069	18,036	18,012	-0.1
17021	Saanich	DM	111,575	112,072	113,199	113,664	114,140	0.4
17010	Sidney	T	11,510	11,552	11,551	11,593	11,600	0.1
17052	Sooke	DM	10,077	10,334	10,414	10,554	10,876	3.1
17034	Victoria	C	80,871	81,657	81,886	82,892	83,362	0.6
17047	View Royal	T	9,126	9,171	9,355	9,596	9,743	1.5
17000	Unincorporated Areas	RDR	24,479	24,675	25,452	25,908	26,302	1.5
41000	**Cariboo**	**RD**	**63,217**	**63,442**	**64,583**	**65,130**	**65,471**	**0.5**
41005	100 Mile House	DM	1,912	1,919	1,933	1,944	1,955	0.6
41013	Quesnel	C[1]	9,475	9,504	9,627	9,722	9,746	0.2
41025	Wells	DM	236	244	257	257	278	8.2
41009	Williams Lake	C[1]	11,082	11,107	11,144	11,104	11,002	-0.9
41000	Unincorporated Areas	RDR	40,512	40,668	41,622	42,103	42,490	0.9
45000	**Central Coast**	**RD**	**3,220**	**3,169**	**3,119**	**3,122**	**3,174**	**1.7**
3000	**Central Kootenay**	**RD**	**56,488**	**57,619**	**58,984**	**59,834**	**60,378**	**0.9**
3045	Castlegar	C	7,360	7,510	7,630	7,882	7,879	-0.0
3004	Creston	T	4,837	4,988	5,193	5,253	5,245	-0.2
3023	Kaslo	VL	1,073	1,167	1,170	1,186	1,184	-0.2
3050	Nakusp	VL	1,524	1,512	1,523	1,532	1,536	0.3
3015	Nelson	C[1]	9,327	9,475	9,801	9,951	9,794	-1.6
3032	New Denver	VL	512	503	526	517	510	-1.4
3011	Salmo	VL	1,008	1,027	1,048	1,061	1,070	0.8
3027	Silverton	VL	186	192	198	202	205	1.5
3019	Slocan	VL	314	345	369	391	397	1.5
3000	Unincorporated Areas	RDR	30,347	30,900	31,526	31,859	32,558	2.2
35000	**Central Okanagan**	**RD**	**167,417**	**173,745**	**180,321**	**184,677**	**185,443**	**0.4**
35010	Kelowna	C[1]	110,351	114,670	118,680	120,970	121,306	0.3
35016	Lake Country	DM	9,790	10,221	11,009	11,424	11,512	0.8
35018	Peachland	DM	4,938	5,113	5,222	5,251	5,172	-1.5
35029	West Kelowna	DM[2]	na	na	27,161	27,303	27,195	-0.4
35000	Unincorporated Areas	RDR	42,338	43,741	18,249	19,729	20,258	2.7

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39000	**Columbia-Shuswap**	**RD**	**50,725**	**51,593**	**53,181**	**53,784**	**53,680**	**-0.2**
39007	Golden	T	3,876	3,858	3,914	3,965	3,935	-0.8
39019	Revelstoke	C[1]	7,288	7,273	7,268	7,276	7,271	-0.1
39032	Salmon Arm	C	16,305	16,652	17,045	17,243	17,128	-0.7
39045	Sicamous	DM	2,684	2,750	2,940	2,953	2,963	0.3
39000	Unincorporated Areas	RDR	20,572	21,060	22,014	22,347	22,383	0.2
25000	**Comox-Strathcona (See Notes)**	**RD[4]**	**103,129**	**104,927**	**na**	**na**	**na**	**na**
25034	Campbell River	C[1]	30,054	30,447	na	na	na	na
25005	Comox	T[1]	12,401	12,721	na	na	na	na
25010	Courtenay	C[1]	22,481	23,369	na	na	na	na
25014	Cumberland	VL	2,765	2,880	na	na	na	na
25025	Gold River	VL	1,371	1,411	na	na	na	na
25039	Sayward	VL	341	326	na	na	na	na
25030	Tahsis	VL	366	354	na	na	na	na
25029	Zeballos	VL	189	182	na	na	na	na
25000	Unincorporated Areas	RDR	33,161	33,237	na	na	na	na
26000	**Comox Regional District (See Notes)**	**RD[4]**	**na**	**na**	**63,370**	**64,169**	**64,642**	**0.7**
26005	Comox	T[1]	na	na	13,264	13,462	13,644	1.4
26010	Courtenay	C[1]	na	na	23,980	24,248	24,589	1.4
26014	Cumberland	VL	na	na	3,045	3,167	3,253	2.7
26000	Unincorporated Areas	RDR[4]	na	na	23,081	23,292	23,156	-0.6
19000	**Cowichan Valley**	**RD**	**78,471**	**79,564**	**80,967**	**81,796**	**82,871**	**1.3**
19012	Duncan	C	5,035	4,978	4,995	5,014	4,987	-0.5
19021	Ladysmith	T[1]	7,637	7,899	8,066	8,129	8,243	1.4
19016	Lake Cowichan	T[1]	2,973	2,962	3,025	3,186	3,184	-0.1
19008	North Cowichan	DM	28,408	28,801	29,247	29,532	29,837	1.0
19000	Unincorporated Areas	RDR	34,418	34,924	35,634	35,935	36,620	1.9
1000	**East Kootenay**	**RD**	**56,097**	**57,043**	**58,798**	**60,045**	**60,267**	**0.4**
1043	Canal Flats	VL	701	747	784	818	826	1.0
1022	Cranbrook	C[1]	18,493	18,585	18,938	19,186	19,123	-0.3
1003	Elkford	DM	2,517	2,518	2,559	2,607	2,705	3.8
1012	Fernie	C[1]	4,289	4,293	4,366	4,421	4,410	-0.2
1039	Invermere	DM	3,046	3,184	3,465	3,673	3,618	-1.5
1028	Kimberley	C	6,184	6,323	6,522	6,714	6,648	-1.0
1040	Radium Hot Springs	VL	738	892	973	1,006	1,015	0.9
1006	Sparwood	DM	3,680	3,704	3,780	3,809	3,771	-1.0
1000	Unincorporated Areas	RDR	16,449	16,797	17,411	17,811	18,151	1.9
9000	**Fraser Valley**	**RD**	**266,727**	**271,284**	**276,304**	**280,577**	**284,995**	**1.6**
9052	Abbotsford	C[1]	129,345	131,250	133,541	136,043	138,179	1.6
9020	Chilliwack	C	71,298	73,300	74,940	76,206	77,975	2.3
9027	Harrison Hot Springs	VL	1,578	1,584	1,597	1,596	1,598	0.1
9009	Hope	DM	6,243	6,161	6,203	6,277	6,322	0.7
9032	Kent	DM	5,318	5,341	5,461	5,522	5,579	1.0
9056	Mission	DM	35,741	36,283	36,756	37,216	37,574	1.0
9000	Unincorporated Areas	RDR	17,204	17,365	17,806	17,717	17,768	0.3
53000	**Fraser-Fort George**	**RD**	**94,416**	**94,918**	**95,397**	**95,776**	**96,575**	**0.8**
53033	Mackenzie	DM	4,616	4,534	4,254	3,832	3,706	-3.3
53012	McBride	VL	661	659	678	675	677	0.3
53023	Prince George	C	72,890	73,346	73,896	74,644	75,568	1.2
53007	Valemount	VL	1,018	1,007	1,015	1,045	1,062	1.6
53000	Unincorporated Areas	RDR	15,231	15,372	15,554	15,580	15,562	-0.1

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15000	**Greater Vancouver**	**RD**	**2,199,124**	**2,237,211**	**2,272,880**	**2,320,770**	**2,374,628**	**2.3**
15038	Anmore	VL	1,887	2,030	2,122	2,163	2,203	1.8
15036	Belcarra	VL	688	679	689	682	690	1.2
15062	Bowen Island	IM	3,468	3,522	3,582	3,613	3,678	1.8
15025	Burnaby	C	210,507	214,938	218,431	223,093	227,389	1.9
15034	Coquitlam	C	119,582	120,260	121,569	123,374	126,594	2.6
15011	Delta	DM	99,490	99,302	99,518	99,992	100,000	0.0
15001	Langley District Municipality	DM	96,792	99,020	101,431	103,402	104,697	1.3
15002	Langley City	C	24,899	25,169	25,387	25,559	25,858	1.2
15065	Lions Bay	VL	1,406	1,403	1,398	1,400	1,395	-0.4
15075	Maple Ridge	DM	71,453	72,508	73,984	75,149	76,418	1.7
15029	New Westminster	C	60,533	61,783	63,780	65,101	66,892	2.8
15051	North Vancouver City	C	46,910	47,282	47,780	48,944	50,725	3.6
15046	North Vancouver District Municipality	DM	85,472	85,974	86,110	86,839	88,370	1.8
15070	Pitt Meadows	C[1]	16,297	16,584	17,433	17,939	18,136	1.1
15039	Port Coquitlam	C	54,538	54,976	55,571	56,520	57,431	1.6
15043	Port Moody	C	28,747	29,947	31,510	33,041	33,933	2.7
15015	Richmond	C	182,652	186,395	189,056	193,505	196,858	1.7
15004	Surrey	C	412,734	422,915	434,565	447,149	462,345	3.4
15022	Vancouver	C	599,765	609,974	615,863	628,654	642,843	2.3
15055	West Vancouver	DM	42,863	42,977	42,913	43,364	44,058	1.6
15007	White Rock	C	18,916	18,998	18,900	19,127	19,278	0.8
15000	Unincorporated Areas	RDR	19,525	20,575	21,288	22,160	24,837	12.1
49000	**Kitimat-Stikine**	**RD[5]**	**38,803**	**38,322**	**39,131**	**39,478**	**39,642**	**0.4**
49022	Hazelton	VL	293	296	298	305	302	-1.0
49005	Kitimat	DM	9,328	9,096	9,183	9,238	9,178	-0.6
49024	New Hazelton	DM	627	610	611	605	603	-0.3
49032	Stewart	DM	496	481	510	491	495	0.8
49011	Terrace	C	11,475	11,358	11,553	11,690	11,931	2.1
49000	Unincorporated Areas	RDR[1]	16,584	16,481	16,976	17,149	17,133	-0.1
5000	**Kootenay-Boundary**	**RD**	**30,826**	**31,393**	**32,016**	**32,153**	**31,885**	**-0.8**
5005	Fruitvale	VL	1,968	2,010	2,049	2,034	2,012	-1.1
5032	Grand Forks	C	4,059	4,104	4,184	4,156	3,998	-3.8
5042	Greenwood	C	625	633	667	677	686	1.3
5037	Midway	VL	621	643	662	658	663	0.8
5009	Montrose	VL	1,018	1,023	1,046	1,044	1,046	0.2
5023	Rossland	C	3,278	3,333	3,476	3,536	3,554	0.5
5014	Trail	C	7,248	7,366	7,365	7,363	7,242	-1.6
5018	Warfield	VL	1,739	1,794	1,798	1,813	1,808	-0.3
5000	Unincorporated Areas	RDR	10,270	10,487	10,769	10,872	10,876	0.0
43000	**Mount Waddington**	**RD**	**11,962**	**11,915**	**11,955**	**12,058**	**12,057**	**-0.0**
43008	Alert Bay	VL	477	476	487	478	486	1.7
43017	Port Alice	VL	828	841	843	843	843	0.0
43023	Port Hardy	DM	3,976	3,925	3,933	3,991	3,950	-1.0
43012	Port McNeill	T	2,681	2,655	2,605	2,623	2,648	1.0
43000	Unincorporated Areas	RDR	4,000	4,018	4,087	4,123	4,130	0.2
21000	**Nanaimo**	**RD**	**141,246**	**143,008**	**145,887**	**148,054**	**149,686**	**1.1**
21008	Lanzville	DM	3,685	3,721	3,745	3,701	3,689	-0.3
21007	Nanaimo	C	80,757	81,464	82,761	84,338	85,512	1.4
21018	Parksville	C	11,090	11,315	11,616	11,799	11,831	0.3
21023	Qualicum Beach	T	8,516	8,619	8,754	8,777	8,729	-0.5
21000	Unincorporated Areas	RDR	37,198	37,889	39,011	39,439	39,925	1.2

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SGC	Name	Area Type	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2009-2010 % Change
37000	**North Okanagan**	**RD**	**78,877**	**80,118**	**81,817**	**83,264**	**83,139**	**-0.2**
37028	Armstrong	C	4,342	4,350	4,468	4,539	4,514	-0.6
37010	Coldstream	DM	9,674	9,904	10,155	10,402	10,289	-1.1
37033	Enderby	C	2,845	2,869	2,890	2,910	2,924	0.5
37005	Lumby	VL[1]	1,658	1,710	1,754	1,806	1,815	0.5
37024	Spallumcheen	DM	4,991	4,983	5,017	5,135	5,153	0.4
37014	Vernon	C[1]	36,922	37,554	38,347	39,019	38,895	-0.3
37000	Unincorporated Areas	RDR	18,445	18,748	19,186	19,453	19,549	0.5
59000	**Northern Rockies (See Notes)**	**RD**	**6,298**	**6,125**	**6,061**	**6,003**	**6,209**	**3.4**
59005	Fort Nelson	T[1]	4,612	4,457	4,398	na	na	na
59007	Northern Rockies Regional Municipality	RGM[2]	na	na	na	5,558	5,744	3.3
59000	Unincorporated Areas	RDR[1]	1,686	1,668	1,663	445	465	4.5
7000	**Okanagan-Similkameen**	**RD**	**80,351**	**81,329**	**82,385**	**83,480**	**82,760**	**-0.9**
7009	Keremeos	VL	1,289	1,325	1,462	1,514	1,517	0.2
7014	Oliver	T[1]	4,374	4,450	4,594	4,789	4,551	-5.0
7005	Osoyoos	T	4,790	4,928	5,044	5,196	5,203	0.1
7041	Penticton	C	32,544	32,857	32,980	33,293	33,078	-0.6
7024	Princeton	T	2,685	2,696	2,722	2,761	2,994	8.4
7035	Summerland	DM	10,911	11,013	11,141	11,258	11,007	-2.2
7000	Unincorporated Areas	RDR	23,758	24,060	24,442	24,669	24,410	-1.0
55000	**Peace River**	**RD**	**59,330**	**60,220**	**61,000**	**62,293**	**63,368**	**1.7**
55010	Chetwynd	DM	2,722	2,638	2,640	2,680	2,714	1.3
55014	Dawson Creek	C[1]	11,094	11,290	11,421	11,529	11,860	2.9
55034	Fort St. John	C	17,933	18,394	18,795	19,482	19,873	2.0
55025	Hudson's Hope	DM	1,012	1,009	1,031	1,052	1,056	0.4
55005	Pouce Coupe	VL[1]	738	744	737	747	792	6.0
55030	Taylor	DM	1,386	1,403	1,469	1,482	1,497	1.0
55003	Tumbler Ridge	DM	2,491	2,434	2,440	2,421	2,428	0.3
55000	Unincorporated Areas	RDR	21,954	22,308	22,467	22,900	23,148	1.1
27000	**Powell River**	**RD**	**19,694**	**19,793**	**20,028**	**20,234**	**20,455**	**1.1**
27008	Powell River	C	13,027	13,145	13,285	13,356	13,574	1.6
27806	Sechelt Ind Gov Dist (Part)	IGD[3]	17	17	18	18	18	0.0
27000	Unincorporated Areas	RDR	6,650	6,631	6,725	6,860	6,863	0.0
47000	**Skeena-Queen Charlotte**	**RD**	**19,981**	**19,757**	**19,623**	**19,463**	**19,497**	**0.2**
47023	Masset	VL	947	937	913	930	920	-1.1
47030	Port Clements	VL	443	450	461	454	456	0.4
47007	Port Edward	DM	581	577	585	571	571	0.0
47012	Prince Rupert	C	13,072	12,907	12,830	12,863	12,994	1.0
47026	Village of Queen Charlotte	VL	950	951	952	962	959	-0.3
47000	Unincorporated Areas	RDR	3,988	3,935	3,882	3,683	3,597	-2.3
31000	**Squamish-Lillooet**	**RD**	**36,628**	**37,129**	**37,852**	**39,259**	**40,356**	**2.8**
31026	Lillooet	DM	2,355	2,318	2,373	2,370	2,368	-0.1
31012	Pemberton	VL	2,349	2,359	2,339	2,419	2,437	0.7
31006	Squamish	DM	15,495	15,982	16,585	17,203	17,898	4.0
31020	Whistler	RM[1]	9,796	9,750	9,688	10,241	10,531	2.8
31000	Unincorporated Areas	RDR	6,633	6,720	6,867	7,026	7,122	1.4
57000	**Stikine**	**R[5]**	**1,130**	**1,152**	**675**	**644**	**614**	**-4.7**

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SGC	Name	Area Type	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2009-2010 % Change
24000	**Strathcona Regional Dist. (See Notes)**	**RD**[4]	**na**	**na**	**43,794**	**44,248**	**44,386**	**0.3**
24034	Campbell River	C[1]	na	na	31,005	31,369	31,580	0.7
24025	Gold River	VL	na	na	1,425	1,427	1,411	-1.1
24039	Sayward	VL	na	na	329	332	334	0.6
24030	Tahsis	VL	na	na	380	381	380	-0.3
24029	Zeballos	VL	na	na	174	162	166	2.5
24000	Unincorporated Areas	RDR[4]	na	na	10,481	10,577	10,515	-0.6
29000	**Sunshine Coast**	**RD**	**27,959**	**28,592**	**29,201**	**29,589**	**29,984**	**1.3**
29005	Gibson	T	4,212	4,336	4,361	4,453	4,416	-0.8
29011	Sechelt	DM	8,501	8,767	9,016	9,176	9,496	3.5
29803	Sechelt Ind Gov Dist (Part)	IGD[3]	827	814	815	832	828	-0.5
29000	Unincorporated Areas	RDR	14,419	14,675	15,009	15,128	15,244	0.8
33000	**Thompson-Nicola**	**RD**	**125,648**	**127,345**	**130,215**	**131,849**	**131,641**	**-0.2**
33019	Ashcroft	VL	1,671	1,722	1,741	1,742	1,756	0.8
33074	Barriere	DM[2]	na	na	1,723	1,722	1,712	-0.6
33024	Cache Creek	VL	1,045	1,058	1,085	1,085	1,085	0.0
33054	Chase	VL	2,439	2,409	2,468	2,481	2,487	0.2
33067	Clearwater	DM[2]	na	na	2,383	2,348	2,355	0.3
33028	Clinton	VL	578	573	597	598	604	1.0
33042	Kamloops	C[1]	83,129	84,383	86,196	87,132	87,110	-0.0
33035	Logan Lake	DM	2,198	2,194	2,198	2,192	2,208	0.7
33015	Lytton	VL	235	231	226	226	226	0.0
33006	Merritt	C	7,338	7,393	7,455	7,460	7,285	-2.3
33999	Sun Peaks	RM[2]	na	na	na	na	396	na
33000	Unincorporated Areas	RDR	27,015	27,382	24,143	24,863	24,417	-1.8
	British Columbia		**4,243,580**	**4,309,632**	**4,383,860**	**4,460,292**	**4,530,960**	**1.6**

Source:
Demographic Analysis Section, BC Stats
Ministry of Citizens' Services
Government of British Columbia
Jan-2011

Notes:
RD = Regional District, R = Region, RDR = Regional District Unincorporated Area
C = City, T = Town, VL = Village, DM = District Municipality, IM = Island Municipality, RGM = Regional Municipality, RM = Resort Municipality, IGD = Indian Government District.
All figures correspond to municipal boundaries as of July 1st of the year stated.
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[1] *Denotes a boundary or status change between July 1, 2006 and June 30, 2010.*
[2] *New incorporations: Clearwater on Dec 3, 2007; Barriere on Dec 4, 2007; West Kelowna (formerly Westside) Dec 6, 2007; Northern Rockies Regional Municipality on Feb 6, 2009; Sun Peaks Resort Mnnicipality Jun 28, 2010.*
[3] *The Sechelt Indian Government District is split between two Regional Districts, thus the two table occurences here.*
[4] *Comox Strathcona RD split into Comox RD and Strathcona RD Feb 15, 2008.*
[5] *Dease Lake area incorporated into Kitimat-Stikine RD (from Stikine) on June 21, 2007.*

This information is available at http://www.bcstats.gov.bc.ca/data/pop/pop/estspop.asp#totpop in this as well as other sorts and groupings: Development Region by Regional District; Development Region by Municipality; Municipality sorted alphabetically; Municipality sorted from largest to smallest population. Historical data is also provided.

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POPULATION (thousands)	Oct 1/2010	% change on one year ago
BC	4,551.9	1.5
Canada	34,238.0	1.2
GDP and INCOME (Released Nov 4)		
(BC - at market prices)	2009	% change on one year ago
Gross Domestic Product (GDP) *($ millions)*	191,006	-3.4
GDP *($ 2002 millions)*	161,851	-1.8
GDP *($ 2002 per Capita) (reflects revised pop)*	36,287	-3.5
Personal Disposable Income *($ 2002 per Capita)*	25,374	-1.9
TRADE ($ millions, seasonally adjusted)		% change on prev. month
Manufacturing Shipments - Oct 2010	3,043	-0.4
Merchandise Exports - Nov 2010	2,407	-1.6
Retail Sales - Oct 2010	4,866	1.2
CONSUMER PRICE INDEX	% change on	12-month avg
(all items - Nov 2010)	one year ago	% change
BC	2.2	1.2
Vancouver	2.6	1.6
Victoria	2.0	0.9
Canada	2.0	1.7
LABOUR FORCE (thousands)		% change on
(seasonally adjusted)	Dec 2010	prev. month
Jobs Created (-Lost) - BC	-22.5	
Labour Force - BC	2,492.9	-0.2
Employed - BC	2,303.6	-1.0
Unemployed - BC	189.3	9.4
		Nov 2010
Unemployment Rate - BC *(percent)*	7.6	6.9
Unemployment Rate - Canada *(percent)*	7.6	7.6
INTEREST RATES (percent)	Jan 12/2011	Jan 13/2010
Prime Business Rate	3.00	2.25
Conventional Mortgages - 1 year	3.35	3.60
- 5 year	5.19	5.49
US-CANADA EXCHANGE RATE	Jan 12/2011	Jan 13/2010
(avg. noon spot rate) Cdn $ per US $	0.9864	1.0322
(closing rate) US $ per Cdn $	1.0133	0.9703
AVERAGE WEEKLY WAGE RATE		% change on
(industrial aggregate - dollars)	Dec 2010	one year ago
BC	819.14	0.5
Canada	830.22	2.4

SOURCES:

Population, Gross Domestic Product, Trade, Prices, Labour Force, Wage Rate } Statistics Canada

Interest Rates, Exchange Rates: Bank of Canada Weekly Financial Statistics

For latest Weekly Financial Statistics see www.bankofcanada.ca

Sub-Provincial Population Estimates

2010 estimates of population for municipalities, regional districts and development regions are now available. Estimates for 2006 to 2009 have also been revised.

www.bcstats.gov.bc.ca/data/pop/pop/mun/CurrentPopulationEstimates.pdf

Science Related Occupations

How many people work in science-related occupations? Which industries employ them? What's the labour market outlook for workers in these occupations? A recently-released report on science-related occupations explores these issues. On WorkBC site; authored by BC Stats.

http://workbc.ca/docs/BC_Science_Related_Occupations.pdf

Trade Occupations Outlook to 2019

The BC Trade Occupations Outlook report provides an outlook for trade occupations for the province as a whole, as well as for its seven development regions for the period 2009-2019. The analysis is based on a representative list of 15 trade occupations covering 82 separate trades and over 85 percent of active B.C. apprentices as of June 30, 2010. Selected occupations are concentrated in two NOC skill types: Trades, Transport and Equipment Operators and Related Occupations (NOC7), and Sales and Service Occupations (NOC6). The occupational forecast included in this report comes from the B.C. Labour Market Outlook: 2009-2019 report, which was produced from B.C.'s new Labour Market Scenario Model.

http://workbc.ca/docs/BC_tradesoccupationoutlook_2009-2019.pdf

Small Business Profile 2010

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www.bcstats.gov.bc.ca/data/bus_stat/busind/sm_bus.asp#sbp

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